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Official Diary

Friday, 20 March 1953

1. I received an inquiry from some representative of DD/P with respect to the dropping of the Division on International Communism by State's Intelligence unit. I confirmed with [REDACTED] had assured us that this function would be continued in the geographic desks. 25X1A9a

2. Reported at the morning meeting that there was reliable information to the effect that the US plane fired on off Kamchatka had actually flown across the coast.

3. Mr. Dulles informed me that the Soviets had inquired whether the US desired to retain its present Embassy in Moscow.

4. Mr. Dulles inquired respecting a report from Paris AP to the effect that Albanian traffic had quadrupled recently. I requested OCI to investigate. Later reported to DCI on this. 25X1A9a

5. Attended IADs luncheon. The office of [REDACTED] called and requested a briefing on matters relating to the Mayer visit on Tuesday next and we undertook to give same.

25X9A6 6. At an evening party for the Conference delegates, I spoke to [REDACTED] and assured him that we would do everything in our power to assist him to secure a super-grade 18 for his research director. If necessary, I would see whether we could work out a loan of a slot until such time as NSA was able to secure an 18. Earlier in the day I had spoken to [REDACTED] Defense representative on USCIB, and urged him to look into the situation of NSA's difficulties in securing this position. I regarded the Director of Research post as one of the most important intelligence positions in the Government and it seemed to me ridiculous that an 18 could not be secured for it. [REDACTED] undertook to look into this matter with some urgency and [REDACTED] stated that he would phone later. 25X9A6

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